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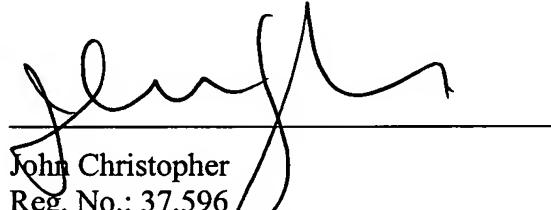
Claims 17-47 are pending in the Application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 17-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kudaravalli, et al., U.S. 6,471,694. Applicants have attached an appropriate declaration under 37 C.F.R §1.131, citing facts for the removal of the Kudaravalli reference. As such, Claims 17-47 are believed to be allowable.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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